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1. FOLLOWING IS SECTION II OF DRAFT PARA ON PAPUA NEW
GUINEA:

SECTION II: UNITED STATES POLICY

BECAUSE PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) IS NOT YET INDEPENDENT, OUR
FORMAL STATEMENTS OF POLICY TOWARD IT HAVE THUS FAR BEEN
CONFINED TO THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL. IN
THAT FORUM WE HAVE WELCOMED THE EMERGENCE OF THIS NEW
NATION AND HAVE WISHED IT WELL AS IT ASSUMES ITS NEW
RESPONSIBILITIES.

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US POLICY TOWARD AN INDEPENDENT PAPUA NEW GUINEA SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

A. FOREIGN POLICY

-- ENCOURAGE THE GENERALLY MODERATE, PRO-WESTERN ORIENTATION OF PNG'S EMERGING FOREIGN POLICY, AND USE WHAT INFLUENCE WE HAVE TO COUNTER XENOPHOBIC TRENDS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE DIRECTED AT THE US, AUSTRALIA, OR INDONESIA.

-- LOOK TO AUSTRALIA TO BE THE PRIMARY EXTERNAL INFLUENCE IN PNG; AND DO NOT SEEK TO REPLACE AUSTRALIAN INFLUENCE WITH OUR OWN. WHILE BEING FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL WHEN WE CAN, DO NOT EMBRACE PNG SO CLOSELY AS TO ATTRACT THE RIVALRY OF OTHER OUTSIDE POWERS.

-- ENCOURAGE THE GPNG'S PRESENT ORDERING OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES: (1) ITS PACIFIC NEIGHBORS; (2) ASIA; (3) MAJOR POWERS.

-- ENCOURAGE CLOSE, CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PNG AND INDONESIA, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING WEST IRIAN (IRIAN JAYA).

-- ENCOURAGE PNG TO TAKE POSITIONS IN UN AND THIRD WORLD FORUMS SUPPORTIVE OF OR NOT IN CONFLICT WITH US INTERESTS BY KEEPING PNG INFORMED IN A LOW-KEY MANNER OF US VIEWS.

-- ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PNG PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION AND ESCAP.

B. ECONOMIC

-- DO NOT ENCOURAGE THE GPNG TO EXPECT US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, PER SE. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, STAND READY TO PROVIDE LIMITED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS, AND ALSO TO PROVIDE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS SUPPORT, IF ASKED.

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-- OFFER ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO PNG'S DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS, AND BE PREPARED TO USE OUR GOOD OFFICES TO ENCOURAGE THE ADB, IBRD, UNDP AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER PNG REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.

-- GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO REQUESTS FOR EXPORT-IMPORT BANK CREDITS AND, ONCE AN AGREEMENT IS SIGNED,

APPLICATIONS FOR OPIC GUARANTEES.

-- ENCOURAGE CLEAR, FAIR, AND STABLE GPNG POLICIES ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF MINERAL EXPLOITATION.

-- ENCOURAGE PNG TO TAKE A LIBERAL AND RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD ACCESS TO ITS NATURAL RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY BY THE US AND OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

-- IN GROUPINGS OF RAW MATERIALS EXPORTERS IN WHICH PNG MAY PARTICIPATE, ENCOURAGE THE GPNG TO TAKE A POSITION WHICH IS MODERATE AND WHICH RECOGNIZES THE INTERESTS OF IMPORTING NATIONS.

C. OTHER

-- PROTECT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE 2,000 US CITIZENS WHO RESIDE IN PNG, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT SOME EROSION OF THE ONCE PRIVILEGED POSITION OF RELIGIOUS MISSIONS MAY BE INEVITABLE. KISSINGER

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